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ORIGINALLY THE CHARGE WAS MURDER AND ASSAULT IN THE FIRST-DEGREE

Creel convicted on lesser charge of homicide by vehicle

by Marvin McIlwain
Editor

Last Friday afternoon at approximately 4:35 p.m., a Coffee County jury composed of eight men and four women returned a verdict of guilty in the trial of Joseph Dwight Creel, 25, of Elba.

The jury rendered the verdict after listening to more than three days of testimony and deliberating for more than nine hours and forty-five minutes.

Creel, who was originally charged with two counts of murder and one count of first-degree assault, was found guilty on a lesser charge by the jury of homicide by vehicle (2 counts) and assault in the second-degree (1 count).

The charges had resulted from a two-car collision which occurred on July 8, 1990 at approximately 5 a.m. in the morning. Dorothy A. Skinner, 56, of Elba and Scotty Wayne Norris, 19, also of Elba were killed in the mishap. Mrs. Myrtle L. Guy, 68, the driver of the one of the vehicles sustained injuries in the wreck. Mrs. Skinner was a passenger in Mrs. Guy's automobile.

Norris was a passenger in the car driven by Creel as was Ronnie Crawley, 22, of Elba. Crawley received no serious injuries in the crash.

On December 10, 1990, a Coffee County grand jury indicted Joseph Creel on two counts of murder in the deaths of Skinner and Norris and one count of first-degree assault for injuries sustained by Mrs. Guy in the wreck.

During the course of the trial which began Monday, April 1, Assistant District Attorney Al Smith, through the state's witnesses, developed testimony to show that Creel was under the influence of alcohol,

driving his vehicle at a high rate of speed, and on the wrong side of the road at the time of the collision. The wreck happened on Alabama Highway 189 approximately four miles south of Elba.

The attorney for the defense, Merrill Shirley, attempted to discredit the testimony given by the state's witnesses by calling the defense's own experts. A clinical chemist and toxicologist, a land surveyor, and a retired engineer experience in highway construction were called to testify for the defense.

State toxicologist Laura Shevlin testified that two separate blood samples drawn from Creel, one at 8:45 a.m. and another at 9:15 a.m. on the morning of the wreck, showed his blood alcohol level to be .046 percent and .031 percent respectively.

Alabama law considers a person to be legally drunk if their blood alcohol level is .10 percent and under the influence if the level is between .05 percent and .10 percent.

In a hypothetical case, Shevlin stated that Creel's blood alcohol level at the time of the wreck could have been as high as .15 percent and as low as .10 percent, but this could not be considered to be an absolute fact.

Defense's witness Christopher Frings, a clinical chemist and toxicologist testified that too many variables existed to determine an accurate blood alcohol level for Creel at the time of the wreck.

An eye witness to the crash, Clinton Cain, testified on behalf of the state that Creel's car was traveling at a high rate of speed as it ran off the pavement in front of the home where he was at the time of the crash.

Cain is a resident of Malone, Florida, but he was staying at his old home place just north of the Basin

Community. The house is approximately 100 yards from where the two cars collided on July 8, 1990.

He stated that when the Creel car pulled back on the road it veered across the centerline of the highway striking the Guy automobile.

In cross examination, Shirley contended that "Mr. Cain could not have seen all that he said he saw."

Mr. Cain countered with, "I saw what I saw!"

The defense through "expert" witnesses attempted to show that the condition of the road was a factor in causing the crash.

During the course of the trial, the state called witnesses to testify that Creel had been drinking and was under the influence of alcohol at the time of the collision. The defense countered with testimony that he (Creel) was not drunk and drank only a small amount of beer on the night and early morning hours preceding the wreck.

Last Thursday afternoon, after the

prosecution and defense had presented their witnesses and given their final arguments, Circuit Judge Gary McAliley charged the jury as to their duty according to the law. The jury charge took almost an hour. At approximately 5:35 p.m. the jury went into deliberation.

At 8:30 p.m., a member of the jury told the judge that they needed to go home, "we're tired." Judge McAliley agreed that the case had been long and tiring and he instructed members of the jury to go home and get a good night's rest. They were instructed to return and begin deliberation at 9:00 a.m. on Friday morning.

During deliberation Friday, the judge was asked more than once to again instruct the jury members as to the law and its application in the case. Each time Judge McAliley, accompanied the defendant, both attorneys, and the court recorder, entered the jury room and read the law to the jury as it applied to the case.

At one point, it appeared that the jury would fail to reach a verdict - become a hung jury. McAliley told the members of the jury, "I cannot, at this time, in good conscience let you go." He continued, "You can take as long as you want. No other jury can do as good a job as you. No jury can come back on another date and get anything else that you have not gotten by way of evidence."

The jury was informed that arrangements could be made for them to return, if necessary, the following week and continue deliberations. "It is not my duty to force or coerce you into making a decision," said Judge McAliley. "but I feel that it is the wishes of both sides in this matter that a decision be rendered."

At approximately 4:35 p.m. Friday afternoon, the jury returned to the courtroom and informed the judge that they had reached a verdict of homicide by vehicle - two counts and assault in the second-degree.

Members of Creel's family were visibly shaken by the verdict and he stood with head bowed as the jury's decision was read.

Shirley's only comments were, "We're going to evaluate all of our options, including the option to appeal. Obviously it's been a long and exhausting week."

A request by Shirley that his client have a pre-sentence investigation was granted by the judge.

McAliley scheduled Creel's sentencing for Wednesday, May 1, 1991.

Homicide by vehicle, a felony, is punishable by one to five years imprisonment or a fine of up to \$2,000 or imprisonment and a fine. Second-degree assault, a felony, is punishable by one to ten years imprisonment or a fine of up to \$5,000, or imprisonment and a fine.

Creel remains free on \$10,000 bond for each homicide offense and \$5,000 bond on the second-degree assault offense for a total of \$25,000.

PURSUIT ENDS IN A FOUR CAR GET TOGETHER - NO SERIOUS INJURIES

Elba has its own version of "The Dukes of Hazard"

by Marvin McIlwain
Editor

A domestic disturbance call to the Elba Police Tuesday morning resulted, for a short time, into a "Dukes of Hazard" type chase. The call came in at 10:54 a.m.

At 10:59 a.m. Policeman Johnny Senn responded to the residence of Ralph Edwin (Eddie) Long, Jr., age 33, and Virginia (Ginger) Long, age 40, located on Highway 87N (the Troy highway).

Reportedly when Officer Senn arrived on the scene, Mr. and Mrs. Long were on the highway right-of-way approximately 100 yards south of their home arguing. Police Chief Freddie Hanchey, Investigator Donnie Byrd, and Officer Dean Blair arrived on the scene shortly after Senn.

As the officers were attempting to find out what the nature of the trouble was, Mr. Long got into his buick automobile and proceeded to leave the scene. Police Officers Senn and Blair pursued him in a southern direction toward town. Chief Hanchey and Investigator Byrd placed Mrs. Long in their car to take her to the hospital.

A short distance down the road, Mr. Long did a 180° turn and headed north on Hwy. 87 with Officers Senn and Blair in "hot pursuit." At the intersection of County Road 21 and Hwy. 87, Long did another 180° turn and proceeded south toward Elba. When the chase appeared to be headed into a congested area, Chief Hanchey, via of two-way radio, instructed his officers to break-off the chase and attempt to keep the Long vehicle in sight.

When Long reached the intersection of Al. 203 (by-pass) and Highway 87, he turned west on Al. 203. According to police officers, Long, after stopping at the intersection of Claxton and Al. 203, ran the red light and continued around the by-pass toward U. S. Hwy. 84W.

Office Senn, who was in sight of the Long vehicle, reported that Long turned right at the intersection of Al. 203 and U. S. Hwy. 84W, as if he was going out 84W, but he suddenly made another u-turn and headed back in the direction from which had come.

At this point, Officer Blair had turned around to follow Long if he continued to evade the pursuit. At a sudden Long stopped, put his car in reverse and backed into Blair's police cruiser.

Investigator Randy White who by this time had become involved in the pursuit approached the Long car from the front in his police car and Long proceeded to ram him head-on.

Officer Senn pulled his police cruiser jam-up to the rear of Long's vehicle preventing him from moving any further.

The three officers, Senn, Blair and White, confronted Long who had exited his car and attempted to enter Senn's police car. After a brief scuffle, Long was taken into custody.

In the scuffle with the Long subject, Officer Senn sustained an injury to his neck and a concussion. Officer Blair injured his hand, and Investigator White broke a bone in his hand.

The collision at the end of the pursuit damaged three police cars. The total estimated damage to all three police cars was almost \$3,000.

Mrs. Long was treated and released from Elba General Hospital for injuries received in an alleged scuffle with her husband.

Mr. Long has been charged with reckless driving, fleeing or attempting to elude, resisting arrest, two counts of criminal mischief in the first-degree, one count of criminal mischief in the second-degree, and assault in the third-degree. He was placed in the Coffee County Jail in Elba.

Chief Hanchey stated that the incident still will be under investigation by his department and that the traffic accident portion was investigated by Trooper Willie White of the Alabama State Troopers.



POLICE SURROUND FLEEING SUSPECT...The police began pursuit of the above automobile on Alabama Highway 87 north of Elba and it ended on AL 203 (by-pass) near the intersection of U. S. Hwy. 84 and the by-pass. Four cars were involved in the collision - three police cars and one suspect car.

HOUSTON COUNTY JURY

Murder conviction in Vann death

by Marvin McIlwain
Editor

A collision of a van and a pickup truck which occurred June 23, 1990 on U.S. Highway 84 near Doherty took the life of Morgan Weeden Vann, 32, of Elba.

Shortly last the crash, Shirley June McCall was charged with murder in the death of Vann.

Last Wednesday evening, a Houston County jury found McCall guilty of murder in the traffic fatality after hearing testimony that he was driving under the influence of alcohol and on the wrong side of the road.

State witnesses testified that McCall's blood alcohol level was 237 percent at the time of the collision and also, he was driving on the wrong side of a four-lane highway.

The 237 percent blood alcohol level is more than twice the state's legal limit of .10 percent to operate a vehicle.

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The 12th Judicial Circuit to three. They are Judge Terry Butts, Judge Gary McAliley, and now, Judge John Crawley.

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BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

We really enjoy good food. In fact we relate many happenings to the quality of the food involved. Sunday, because wife Heddy is getting a son-in-law, we were invited to lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hayes. As usual Becky spread a great table. Upon arrival of Heddy and myself, son Eric, daughter Michele and Heddy's son-in-law to be Tom at the Hayes home, we reminded Becky of the last Sunday meal we ate there. It was on February 15th and it was fifteen years ago! Heddy was in the hospital with our last baby and this country boy had two young children in tow, but Becky came to the rescue. She served a varied menu including baked beans, which we don't particularly like, but being grateful for the feeding we tried some anyway. Those were the best baked beans we ever ate (in fact if our mother didn't read this column, we might even say they were better than mother can cook!). We told Mrs. Hayes this Sunday we hoped she had some more baked beans, but she did even better with enough good food to convince us our prayers in church that morning were being answered and we had indeed made it to heaven. Someone must have told her we liked dumplings, 'cause the menu included a huge bowl of them all ready to eat. Heddy's son-in-law to be and I had both made ourselves sick the last time we were exposed to a pot of dumplings and there they were again. Becky gave credit for the dumplings to her mother... why is it that mothers make such great dumplings?

The weak economy continues to trouble the people of the United States. This time around, it is hitting home around this area. The worst news of late is the announced closing of the Alates sewing plant in Andalusia, putting over 400 employees out of work. We don't remember when there wasn't an Alates plant in Andalusia, it has been a stabilizing factor in Covington County forever.

The decision on the location of the new library has been made. After all the months of discussion and debate on the matter, it was all settled when Fred Clark agreed to change his plans and make the lot at the corner of Court and Simmons available for the library. That seemed to please most everyone and the city council moved on to other matters. We personally endorse the action to locate the library on the square and look forward to seeing (and using) the new facility.

Work is proceeding on the new school park. We received a report this week that the walls have started up on the elementary school. It will not be as long as it has been until the students are attending classes in the nice new facility.

A lot of ideas have been batted around what to do with the old school buildings, but nothing has been decided. We would like to hear more ideas on this and would even suggest help from anyone who can or is willing to do more than offer suggestions. In other words, we think help is needed in getting some of these great suggestions off the ground.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department during the week beginning Tuesday, April 3, 1991, investigated the following incidents: two harassments, three burglaries, one harassing communication, one destruction of property, one robbery, one child neglect, one criminal mischief, one trespassing, one littering, and one theft.

Arrests made during the same period of time were as follows: five for speeding, one for harassment, one for revoked driver's license, three for expired tag, and one for failure to appear.

Daily activity for the week was as follows:

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ELBA MINISTRIAL ASSN. - Thurs. 8 a.m.
JANICES - 1st & 3rd Thurs. 7 p.m.
ELBA CITY CHURCH - 7 a.m. & 40
Monday 5:15 p.m. City Hall
LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. Ranch House Restaurant
ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. 5:30 p.m. - Supp. Office
AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy
BOY SCOUTS - Mon. 7 p.m. 777
RESCUE SQUAD - 2nd & 4th Tues. 7 p.m. - Fire Station
WATER & ELECTRIC - 2nd Tues. 5:15 p.m. - City Hall
MASONIC LODGE 179 - 1st & 3rd Mon. of each month - 7 p.m.
A.A. - Wed. 8 p.m. & Sat. 6 p.m. - 777
BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. 7 p.m. - Blue Room
VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8:12 noon & 12:30-4:30 New
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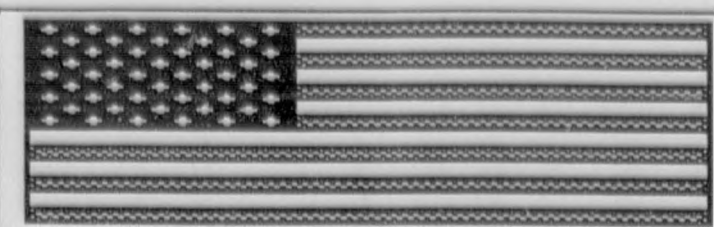
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The following names were given to The Elba Clipper of people from Elba or who have family here and were called to serve their country in Saudi Arabia:

They Are:

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Greg Corder
David Carpenter
Kenneth Odum
Allen Farrell Dorsey
Melvin Knight, Jr.
Peggy Whitington
Timothy Gibson

Please let us know of other names we need to add or delete from this list which is updated weekly.



Mrs. Alberta Martin

One Of Elba's Own, Mrs. Alberta Martin Is Last Confederate Widow

By Katie R. Hodge

Mrs. Martin was born on December 4, 1906, at Danley's Cross Roads. She worked in cotton mills much of her life. She recalls their courtship days. Mrs. Martin lived with her half brother and Mr. Martin would visit in passing. They got to know each other and decided to marry. They were married on December 10, 1927 at the Andalusia Court-house. Their only child, a son, William Owen, was born October 10, 1928. While most people can only trace a long line of ancestors to the War, he is a true Son of the Confederacy.

William Jasper attended the Confederate Veterans Reunion in Mont-

gomery, Alabama. At the last Reunion he attended, he became ill and was unable to return to other reunions.

Mrs. Martin has been honored at various historical functions through the years. The Daughters of the Confederacy is one organization Mrs. Martin is a member of. Christmas gifts and a money wreath are a few of the gifts she has received from the Foley, Alabama and Greenville, Alabama chapters of the Daughters of the Confederacy. She enjoys the meetings though she says she doesn't get to go like she used to.

The War Between the States was fought over 125 years ago. This seems distant to the world of 1991, but a talk with Mrs. Alberta Martin reminds modern listeners how prevalent the past is. She is indeed a priceless link to a world long gone. She is certainly a charming character. She enjoys talking and spins a web with her stories. This interview was truly an honor and a memory I will long treasure. The last link to such a colorful time of our nation's heritage is one that should be treasured. Such valuable time teaches lessons no history book could equal. History buffs need look no further. It can truly be said that history is alive and well in Elba, Alabama.

Area Deaths

Martha Elizabeth Parker
Martha Elizabeth Parker, 85, died April 6, 1991, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Alabama. Funeral services took place at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, April 8, 1991 at 11:00 a.m. Burial took place in the Evergreen Cemetery with Rev. John K. Smith officiating.

Survivors include: six daughters; Sue Parker, Irene P. Donough, Joy P. Vickers of Elba, Jean F. Moore, Sturgeon Bay, Wis., Betty P. Gainer, Panama City, Fla., Martha Jo Watkins, Prattville, Ala.; three sons; Shelby L. Parker, Albany, Ga., Redger Parker, Troy, Ala., Robert E. Parker, Elba, Ala.; 27 grandchildren; 35 great grandchildren.

Joe Lee Kendrick
Joe Lee Kendrick, 74, a native of Zion Chapel and a resident of Griffin, Georgia for thirty five years, died March 31, 1991 in Brightmore Nursing Home.

A memorial service was conducted on April 3, 1991 at 11:00 a.m. at the chapel of Woodlawn Funeral Home in Griffin with the Rev. R.H. Monks and the Rev. Pete Steward officiating. Interment was in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Kendrick was preceded in death by his parents, John Milt and Lula Wells Kendrick, and his wife, Martha Willis Kendrick. He is survived by a daughter, Sue McElroy of Troy, Ala.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Johnny and Belle Kendrick and Gary and Jerrie Kendrick, all of Griffin; a sister, Betty Shaver of Montgomery; four brothers, Rev. Lamar Kendrick of Opp, Rev. Fred Kendrick of Toccoa, Georgia, Harold Kendrick of Griffin, and Dr. Paul D. Kendrick of Chatham, Alabama; two grandsons, two granddaughters and one great granddaughter.

Annie Christine Bryant
Annie Christine Bryant, 56, died April 8, 1991, at Humana Hospital in Enterprise, Alabama. Funeral services were April 10, 1991 at 2:00 p.m. at the Danacus Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Danacus Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Bob Driver and Rev. Richard Lucas officiating.

Survivors include: her husband, Willard David Bryant; Elba, three daughters, Shirley Ann Windham and Sherry Lynne Mack, both of Elba, and Diana Lynne Mixon of New Brockton; two sons, Billy R. Bryant of New Brockton and Willard Michael Bryant of Elba; two sisters, Ada Mae McKenzie and Eloise Prinkle, both of New Brockton; and one grandchild.

Elba Bowdoin Weeks
Elba Bowdoin Weeks, 82, died April 2, 1991, at the Elba Nursing Home. Funeral services were held April 4, 1991 at Rainer Funeral Home, Opp, Alabama. Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery with Robert Hamilton and Duke Barrow officiating.

Survivors include: a daughter, late Jasper Thomaston, passed away January Weeks Harper, Opp, a son, March 2, 1991, at Walton County Regional Hospital in Defuniak Springs, Fla. She was a life long resident of Elba. Survivors include: her husband, James Edwin Grimes, 67, died April 4, 1991 at Andalusia Community Hospital. Graveside services were held April 5, 1991 at 2:00 at Danley Cross Roads Cemetery. Survivors include one sister, Madeline Grimes Powell, Red Level, Ala.; one brother, Patrick O. Grimes, Chalmers, La.

Elba General Hospital Report

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during April 8, 1991:

They were: Jewel Youngblood, Lizzie Pope, Mary Sanders, Louise Powell, E. W. Lowery, Kenneth Hendricks, Annie Daniels, Bonard Bowers, Barbara Smith, Fanchon Hardin, Kristie Rancourt.

Those discharged during the same period of time were: Gladys Sessions, Sara Smith, Linda Bryant, Jewel Youngblood, Lucille Armstrong, Devall Wise, Lizzie Pope, Tammy Williamson, Mary Sanders, Glen Allen, Eunice Rogers.

CITY COUNCIL

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they feel would be an ideal location for the Elba Public Library, the property is available to them and has been favorably reviewed by state library officials.

He continued, "I personally feel we have ample real estate to complete this project without acquiring additional property, but to move this project and other city projects forward, I wholeheartedly endorse the efforts of the library board to locate the public library in such a highly visible location."

Moore continued with, "I recommend this governing body pledge our united support to the members of the library board for their dedication and years of devoted service to the community. I personally appreciate the many hours of work they have already invested in helping the library overcome the devastation caused by the flood."

He told the council that a parcel of land had been made available to the library. The property is on the vacant lot at the corner of Court and Simmons, across from Martin's. Owner of the 87.5 X 100 foot property is Mr. Fred Clark. He added that the lot was large enough for a 5,000 square foot library and still leave room for parking. The property has already been approved by the state architect and the state library board for the location of the Elba public library.

Moore added that then the Senior Citizens Center and the Rescue Squad could then be located on the site across from the police station.

This location would locate all emergency facilities in the same proximity and would place the senior citizens convenient to the downtown area, Moore pointed out.

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Miss Whitworth And Mr. Parker Plan July 3rd Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Guthrie of Jasper and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Whitworth of Elba, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Lee Ann, to Mr. Stephen E. Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Parker of Elba.

Lee Ann is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Whitworth and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Art Steadman, all of Jasper. She is the step-granddaughter of Mrs. Ethel Fyles of Carleton Hill and Mrs. Ruth Mack of Elba.

She is a 1988 graduate of Walker High School in Jasper. She is a 1990 graduate of MacArthur State Technical College in Opp. Lee Ann is currently employed with the Alabama Dept. of Revenue Foreign Franchise Tax Division in Montgomery.

Steve is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hudson and the late Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Parker, all of Elba. He is a 1986 graduate of Elba High School and a 1990 graduate of MacArthur State Technical College in Opp.

He is employed with ALFA Insurance Co. in Montgomery.

The wedding is an event of July 3, 1991 at the home of the groom's parents.

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17th Annual Piney Woods Arts Festival

Kathryn T. Windham

Piney Woods Arts Festival To Have Storytelling

On April 20th and 21st the 17th Annual Piney Woods Arts Festival will emphasize storytelling. Each year the festival features a different art form. Pictured above are Kathryn Tucker Windham of Selma, well known for her stories about Jeffery the Ghost. Also pictured is Beverly Botsford of Durham, NC, who will do several sessions of Storytelling and Percussion. Local members of the Boll Weevil Reading Teachers Association will take part.

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Ms. Sauvigne On President's List

Mrs. Donna J.B. Sauvigne was named to the President's Honor List at Troy State University at Dothan for the winter quarter. A perfect grade point average earns a position on this list. Donna is the daughter of Nina Smart of Elba.

Pastor's Corner

By Rev. Winston Jay

Elba United Methodist Church

HE IS ALIVE!

The world has never gotten over the shock of those words spoken that first Easter morning.

But just as there were those who could not grasp the reality of a risen Lord in that garden so long ago, there are those in our present day who have not experienced the full reality of the Resurrected Christ.

What a shame to go through the motions of celebrating Easter, and then live our lives as though He were still dead.

The resurrection of Jesus, once and for all, gave meaning and hope to all of life.

If we can believe that he was powerful enough to conquer death, then we can also believe that he is powerful enough to forgive our sins, to meet our needs, and to give us victory in our daily lives.

The empty grave in Palestine has stood through the centuries as proof of the power of God.

What a new confidence would come to Christians if we could only grasp the meaning of Easter.

If God through His power can bring back to life One who was dead, what are your problems to Him?

When facing the care and distress of a modern world, look back across the centuries to the Easter story.

Stand quietly in the garden for a moment and listen again to those reassuring words, "He is not here, He is risen."

If you can believe those words and will allow the Risen Lord to reveal Himself to you, you can face today and everyday with confidence because you will know for a fact, **HE IS ALIVE!**

Senior Citizens of Cordelia Meet

by Wanda Sasser

It was another gorgeous day when the Senior Citizens of Cordelia met at the center on Factory Street. Some of the members who have been able to be with us once more. Quite a few of our members walked to various stores on all types of errands. Others played domino and visited. Gardens and flowers were a big topic of the day. We are still without a kitchen sink, so cooking is done as little as possible.

Even though we are handicapped because of the water situation, a delicious lunch was served to the following: Zedie Bouyer, Myrl Burkett, Frank and Lennie McCullough, Bonnie Wesley, Mattie Lou Goodson, Aileen English, Mary Coleman, Iris McDowell, J.C. Pope, Arthur Blackman, Frances Shabo, Cora McBride, Sarah Smith, M. Boling, Wanda Sasser.

Hataway Travels To Orlando For Nursing Convention

Lanette Hataway, Registered Nurse at Elba Nursing Home, traveled to Orlando, FL, on March 17-19 with her mother Louise Moore and sister Clarice Wilkerson. Lanette attended the Nursing Convention of Gerontological Nurses with sessions relating to Ethics, the image of the gerontological nurse, psychiatric medication and restraints and other sessions relating to nursing home residents and their care. They also traveled to Arcadia visiting relatives and to Clearwater for supper, traveling home on Thursday. They met son David and his wife, Janet, and grandson, Brandon, for supper on Monday night.

President's Scholars - 4.0 perfect grade-point average: David Giles Morrow.

Kinston To Hold Kindergarten Registration April 24th

Kinston Elementary School will hold their Kindergarten Registration for 1991-92 on Wednesday, April 24, 1991, from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

The child must be 5 years of age on or before September 2, 1991, in order to attend.

Registration will be held in the kindergarten classroom. Please bring child's Social Security card, certified copy of birth certificate, State of Alabama Certificate of Immunization (blue form), and State of Alabama Certificate of Immunization (white-burgundy form - measles).

Mt. Olive Baptist Church To Begin Revival Services

Mt. Olive Baptist Church in the Pine Level Community, will hold Revival Services beginning, Sunday, April 14, 1991 through Wednesday night, April 17, 1991. Services will begin each night at 7:00 p.m.

Ben Amlog, who has joined Mt. Olive as pastor, will be the speaker during revival services.

Everyone is encouraged to attend these services.

First Assembly Of God Of Kinston To Host Revival

First Assembly of God in Kinston will host a revival, April 14 - 17, with evangelist Rodney Fink of Samson.

There will be special music nightly.

The Sunday evening service will start at 6:30, all others beginning at 7:00.

Everyone is welcome.

For more information, call Pastor Tim Collins at 565-3363.

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Elba Nursing Home and its very capable and willing staff. Also, our thanks and appreciation to Dr. Ken Dyess for the care afforded our loved one during her stay at the Elba Nursing Home. The smiles, the tender expressions of love and concern are deeply appreciated.

THE FAMILY OF MRS. ELLA WEEKS
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University of South Alabama President, Dr. Frederick P. Whiddon, announced the following received scholastic honors during the 1991 winter quarter:

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THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz

If I look a little groggy when you see me going down the road these days it may be because ball season has arrived and last weekend the clock jumped ahead an hour and I lost an hour of sleep. I sat down Friday and figured out that I had worked over 60 hours during the week, then Saturday got up early for more work and Sunday hosted an umpires meeting. This week started off with more of the same as I got home around 10:00 p.m. after putting in almost 15 hours at the park, so, if it takes me a while to wake back...just bear with me, please!

TIGERS DROP TWO OF THREE AS RECORDS DIPS TO 8-4

The Elba Tigers found out that the sun doesn't shine on the same day everyday last week as they whipped by both Opp 11-1 and Rehobeth 15-10, before waking up and staying alive in the Area 2 race with a big win over Luverne 14-4.

The Tigers owned a lofty 7-2 record going into the week, but the record was a little suspect due to four wins over 1A Arion, and some of the fears proved founded as the Tigers simply got whipped in Opp and then fell apart in an Area loss to Rehobeth. Arion has got a fine club and I'm not trying to belittle their talents; however, Elba should beat Arion consistently and this season did so without having to play its best ball. Many times when a team wins while giving less than 100 percent it falls into a false sense of superiority and that could have been what happened to the Tigers. The players got it in their heads that if they showed up and gave some effort they would win against anybody. Opp and Rehobeth showed them otherwise!

The win over Luverne showed that the losses served their purpose as the Tigers came out ready to play and totally dominated the previously unbeaten Luverne squad. Chad Dawkins turned in a fine performance on the mound, the defense woke up and played like it can and should, and the hitting of David Rowe, Marcus Tyson, Hayden Young and Shane Blanton was more than enough to lead the Tigers to the win.

The Tigers have a long way to go and must still improve daily to make it to state, let alone win the Area. Elba's players have to remember why they lost and how it felt, then make up their minds that they leave nothing on the field. When the Tigers play their best they are a solid 3A club, when they don't...they lose.

SOFTBALL SEASON IS HERE AND EXCITING

The Men's Softball League opened its season Monday night with the beginning of the pre-season tournament and from the looks of things Monday night I'd have to say that Carrett Logging and Mike's Gym-Hudson Farm will be the teams to beat. Both teams posted easy wins in both their games Monday and have the hitting and experience to win, and win big. The Elba Merchants and English Diversified also showed signs of being solid teams, while Southern Express looked good in losing to Carrett. Work Release appeared improved in its loss to Carrett and Red Brahma played hard, but looked a little off in their two losses.

A pre-season prediction...I'd make Mike's Gym-Hudson Farm the favorite, followed in order by Carrett Logging and English Diversified. The Red Brahma and Elba Merchants should battle it out for fourth, while Southern Express could join the party and Work Release will pull some upsets. Yep, its going to be an exciting summer!

IN CLOSING...

I'm a long way from joining any "Senior's" tour, but I did enjoy watching Jack Nicklaus win the gold event on Sunday afternoon. The Golden Bear has always been one of my favorites and he still looked as strong as ever Sunday, which is more than I can say for Phil Rodgers, who was carrying around an extra bag under his shirt. Oh well, these guys can still knock it around the links better than most and it is fun to watch.

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STOPPING DRUG ABUSE

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Drug abuse is a major public health problem today, although drug use has been part of American life since the mid 19th century. It did not come into great prominence until the 1960's. Since the early 1980's drug use is no longer limited to a single group of people but has become part of the mainstream of American life.

This mainstream has turned into a nightmare including drug overdoses and death, criminal empires, murders, rapes and addictions. A much slower moving current but just as destructive is the drug's effect on unborn fetuses and poor education level in school age users.

What can we do about this problem as parents, American citizens and concerned Coffee Countians? The first step is to believe that drugs are in and available in our town, our schools, and possibly your own home.

Secondly, attack the wall of denial and indifference around you. Provide education, facts and outside quality recreation on as weapons.

Thirdly, drugs did not come into being on their own and they will not disappear on their own. Participate in the ongoing efforts to cause their disappearance.

Let us examine the drugs of abuse primarily seen in our area. First and foremost is the drug alcohol. Alcohol now ranks as the third leading cause of death in the United States following coronary heart disease and cancer. The effects of alcohol should be considered in both the acute state of drunkenness and the chronic effects of alcoholism. Acutely, alcohol will cause slurred speech, impaired judgment, and uninhibited behavior. Car accidents and fights are primary occurrences during acute states.

Alcohol when consumed chronically will lead to malnutrition, liver disorders (cirrhosis), stomach ulcers, heart complications, blood loss and pancreatic disorders. Women who drink during pregnancy may deliver babies with physical abnormalities, behavioral complications and lower intelligence. Live bombs and loaded guns should scare you. An alcoholic beverage is no difference in that inside you the same explosive force can result.

A second drug that is highly abused is marijuana. The early stage is one of being "high" and is characterized by euphoria, uncontrollable laughter and alteration of a sense of time and space. Later, the user becomes relaxed and experiences dreamlike states if not actual sleep. Marijuana will also increase appetite and cause a craving for sweets. Two classic symptoms of marijuana use is reddening of the eyes and an increase in pulse rate. Long term physical effects especially in heavy users include infertility, impotence, heart disease, respiratory complications including bronchitis and cancer and acute panic reactions.

Almost every society, however primitive, has found some bark, leaf, vine, skin, berry or weed that contains "hallucinogenic" substances. Ours is no different. LSD and mescaline are examples. These drugs do seem to be declining in usage but are still very much a part of our drug culture today. They are capable of producing changes in perception, mood, thought and behavior. This group of drugs are also capable of producing "flashbacks" which are similar experiences that may be caused by the drug but the person is not under the effect of the drug during this time. Hallucinogens have the potential of causing psychosis and other mental illnesses.

Addiction or abuse of the narcotic analgesics is considered the most serious form of drug abuse. These drugs include heroin, morphine, codeine and meperidine (Demorol). The main effect seen is a euphoric effect or a relaxed, drowsy feeling. Coordination and intellectual functioning are impaired. Repeated use will cause the loss of sexual drive, impotence and sterility. Death may result from respiratory depression or cardiovascular failure. Other serious complications include hepatitis from use of contaminated needles and other bacterial infections including AIDS.

The last drug and probably the most highly abused at this time is cocaine or its alternate form of crack. What is crack? It is small rocks of cocaine but differs in three ways from cocaine. First, it is smoked rather than sniffed resulting in a faster high. Secondly, because it is smoked the effect is more powerful than the powder. Thirdly, it seems less expensive because it is sold in small quantities at low prices. The user will require more to support a habit so it is

ultimately more expensive. The term crack refers to the crackling sound that is heard when it is smoked.

Cocaine is one of the most addicting substances known to man. Whether it is smoked, sniffed or injected, it has two specific effects on the body: it acts both as a stimulant and an anesthetic. Wild mood swings, delusions of extraordinary abilities, loss of mental function, and distortions of perspective are all part of the psychological picture of cocaine abuse. Here are some of the most common mental effects of cocaine: euphoria, talkativeness, alertness, sleeplessness, heightened self-awareness, altered sexual feelings, poor personal hygiene, hallucinations, compulsive behavior and addiction.

How powerful is this addiction? As one young teenage girl described it, she fell so in love with cocaine that she wanted to marry it. Once hooked, the addict uses cocaine not to feel good but to keep from feeling bad.

The good news out of all this bad news is that the cycle of drug addiction, abuse or misuse can be broken. Although some contributing factors to drug dependency such as heredity, social class, age and occupation cannot be changed, there are other areas that we can change or influence. Their availability of the drug is one part of this complex equation that can be changed. Obviously, the more drug that is available, the greater the risk of experimentation and distributions. We should support local law enforcement, state-wide drug campaigns and federal officials to decrease this drug trafficking.

Education of our citizens is also an integral part to drug abuse. The more knowledgeable our Coffee County citizens are on drug abuse, the greater the chance of drug abuse recognition. Also, the more education a young person has on the effects of drugs the less likely they will want to experiment.

The last part of the problem that we can affect is the enabling or the people part. This represents the attitudes we have about drug abuse. Enablers are people who either ignore someone's drug use or assist in it. Common quotes: "I do not want to get involved." "It is not my business." "It is not my child."

The common thread throughout this enabling process is denial and sometimes embarrassment. Once the denial wall has been destroyed, the enabler should confront the abuser in a caring and loving manner. Maybe an outside agency or individual is necessary but once this denial is broken down, true help can be obtained for both parties, enabler and abuser.

Drug abuse can only be stopped by reducing the demand for drugs. Stopping drugs must begin with individuals, each of us. The basic truth is that the war on drugs is first and foremost every person's responsibility. The battle must be fought at home before it can be fought and won on the streets of Coffee County.

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Chris Kilcrease & Amanda Parker Win 1 Dare You Leadership Award At Kinston High School

This year's recipients of the 1 name from the book, 1 Dare You, DARE YOU LEADERSHIP written by Mr. Danforth, in which he AWARD for Kinston High School commends the balanced life of men- are Chris Kilcrease and Amanda, physical, social, and spiritual de- Parker. This award is in recognition of development as the backbone of lead- of personal integrity, balanced liv- ership. Chris and Amanda were recog- ing, and motivation for leadership. nized for their academic excellence, ry Barnes, Principal, at ceremonies responsible participation in extra- held at Kinston High School on curricular activities, ability to coop- erate with peers and faculty, and March 8, 1991. The 1 DARE YOU AWARD is their overall character. made available each year by the In addition to a Certificate of American Youth Foundation in Recognition, Chris and Amanda re- cooperation with high schools across ceived a copy of Mr. Danforth's in- the country. The award takes its spirational book, 1 Dare You.

Sonia L. Craighead Named Airman Of The Quarter

Air Force Senior Airman Sonia L. Craighead has been named airman of the quarter. The selection was based on the individual's exemplary duty performance, job knowledge, leadership qualities, significant self-improvement and other accomplishments. She is a data concentrator systems operator at San Vito del Normani Air Station, Italy.

The airman is a 1986 graduate of Frankfurt American High School, Germany.



MORE NEW BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY. Mrs. Doris Taylor, city librarian, is shown placing the new set of World Book Encyclopedias on the shelves. Mrs. Laura Barker (seated) assists Mrs. Taylor in unpacking the new books. The set of encyclopedias was donated by World Book, Inc. Mrs. Janice Bell, local World Book, Inc. representative, was instrumental in getting the books donated to the local library.

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FHA-ers have made dreams realities for the John and Catherine Waters family through the Elba Adopt-A-Family project.

Teachers, students and state department of education personnel raised the money for a new range, a holiday food supply, clothing, and individual Christmas gifts for the entire John Waters family.

The FHA efforts were coordinated by Mrs. Mary P. Young, Adopt-A-Family co-chairman and FHA State coordinator. Others assisting were: Mrs. Barbara Mobley, home economics association president, Mrs. Sue Smith and Dr. Nan Burgess, state advisors, Mrs. Hilda Wright, Madelyn Jones, Kay Johnson, Betty Cox, District home economics specialists.

FHA-ers also made dreams realities by reaching out to the home economics department at Elba High School. Teaching materials such as textbooks, audio-visual equipment and supplies, computers, computer tables, small kitchen equipment and approximately \$4,000.00 in cash were presented to the Home Economics department. These gifts and funds were deeply appreciated by Mrs. Ann Dyess, Mrs. Marsha Oggs, who had been the official home economics teachers and stu-

dent. These funds were used to purchase additional teaching equipment and supplies.

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Eighteenth Appreciation Program
Honoring Dr. John K. Grayer
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April 21, 1991
Theme: Fulfilling God's charge.
2 Timothy 4:1-5

Sunday morning
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
Regular Order of Service
Dismissal for dinner in dining hall

Program 3:00 p.m.
Devotion - Officers of Friendship/Popular Springs Baptist Churches
Song - Friendship Choir
Welcome - Sis. Helen Thigpen
Occasion - Sis. Gladys Yelverton
Tribute to Pastor - Bro. Perry Stinson
Anniversary Sermon - Dr. N.L. Robinson pastor, Friendship Baptist Church, Enterprise, Alabama
Special gift - Sis. Gladys Yelverton
Deacon Board - Usher Board
Deaconess - Missionary Society
Sunday School - Matrons
Choir - Choir
Remarks - Benediction

Shiloh Baptist Choir Day
Annual Choir Day of Shiloh Baptist Church, Tarentum, Alabama was held at New Zion Baptist Church, Brundidge, Alabama, April 7, 1991 at 2:00 p.m. Rev. A.L. Williams pastor of Shiloh, Rev. J.W. Doster, Associate pastor of Union Grove Baptist Church, Enterprise, Alabama was guest speaker. Scripture St. John 21:15. Subject: Do you love Jesus?

Those attending from Rocky Head M.B. Church, Elba were: Rev. A. R. Williams, Bessie Ray, Brett and Chastity, and Shaktiha, Alan and Cheryl, D.J., Vera Williams, Kimberly Kelley, Patti Porter, Evelyn Gulley, and Mason, Roderick R. deaux and Eria Belcher, all of Elba. Juanita Brooks, Enterprise, Alabama; Audrey Bennett, Steven, Lydia and Melody, Miami Beach, FL.

Happy Birthday wishes to:
Marler Riedexau - April 10
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Donald Smith - April 10

Valerie Collins and LaToya Haywood have returned to their home in New York City, N.Y. after spending a week with their grandmother, Mrs. Eddie M. Tyson and their aunt, Miss Bettye J. English and other relatives and friends in Elba.

Today is a good day. Be grateful. Eria

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Tips On Attracting Hummingbirds

Dan Presley-County Agent Coordinator

ATTRACTING HUMMINGBIRDS

Hummingbirds can capture our hearts. It really is understandable - these quick flashes streaking across our yards stealing their meals like no other birds.

Hummingbirds give a new meaning to the phrase "fast food". They sip flower nectar while their wings move at a 60-beat-per-second pace. Hanging suspended above a flower, their long slender beak slips in and out of a flower in a flash, then flying back up and turning right and then left and up and down again in a feeding show that is a joy to see.

There are a number of ways to attract hummingbirds to our yards. Once present, hummingbirds dazzle us with their feeding habits.

According to reference sources, there are 319 known species of hummingbirds, but eastern North America has only one, the ruby throated hummingbird. Ruby throats are only about 3 1/2 inches long.

Their nest is usually the size of a walnut. Sometimes it is an inconspicuous knob on a branch covered with lichens holding two white eggs about the size of English peas.

Hummingbirds will drink from commercial feeders, but home gardeners can make their own.

Simply take a small glass tube filled with one part sugar to three parts water in a wire holder near your window. Tilt the tube at a 45 degree angle away from your window. Paint the tube bright red or orange. If you have any artificial red flowers place petals around the tube.

Once hummingbirds come to a feeder they can even learn to sip from a hand-held tube.

To help assure attracting hummingbirds to your yard try planting some of their favorite flowers. Hummingbirds prefer flowers with tubular or deep throated flowers. They are especially attracted to bright red and orange, although they do feed on flowers of other colors.

Trumpet creeper is a real favorite of ruby throated hummingbirds. Some other favorite flowers are wild and not suitable to plant in the home landscape. However there are some plants you can plant.

These include: canna, cow-itch vine or trumpet creeper, coral honeysuckle, cardinal flower, azalea, fuchsia, scarlet sage, gladiolus, phlox, weigela, columbine, pineapple sage, coral bells, bee balm, penstemon, and verbena. The mimosa tree is a favorite, but it can become a nuisance if you are not careful.

Keep your feeder supplied all summer. When fall arrives, hummingbirds will go south again.

PLANTING AZALEAS

The ideal time for planting azaleas is when they are blooming so as to select the colors you want. For the best results, plant azaleas in moderate shade in acidic soil.

To prepare the soil, dig individual holes for each plant or prepare an entire bed. Plant azaleas in a hole at the depth or slightly above what they were growing in the nursery. A common mistake gardeners make is planting azaleas too deep. In preparing your hole to plant, add one part peat moss, leaf mold or other organic matter to two parts soil, then water the newly set plants. Mulch plants with a 3-4 inch mulch of pine straw, leaves or pine bark. Plants should be watered on a weekly basis the first year. Since azaleas are a shallow rooted plant, they will need water during dry spells and mulching each year.

Literacy Is Everybody's Business

Angela Hughes
County Agent



Kenneth Mack and his family farm in the Fairview Community and are the first in the Wiregrass to grow Canola. Pictured are: Kenneth Mack; his wife, Connie; and daughter, Kasey. Not pictured is his son, Jeremy.

Canola - A New Crop In Coffee County

Richard L. Fletcher - Assistant County Agent

Last fall, after doing a lot of research and reading, I did an article on Canola. At that time, none had been planted in Coffee County. This year, Kenneth Mack, working with David Fine - Fines Farm and Garden Center, and John Carter with Cargill, has planted 30 acres of Canola in the Fairview Community. This is a very interesting and very beautiful crop as it is about 3 feet tall and has a beautiful yellow bloom.

Oil seed rape ranks as the fourth or fifth most important worldwide source of vegetable oil. The varieties low in both erucic acid and glucosinolates (referred to as double-low) are what we call Canola. Canola oil is well known among health food folks as canola oil is lower in saturated fats than any other cooking oil on the market. Canada is the world leader in Canola oil exports.

Years ago farmers grew rape in this area for the greens, much like mustard and turnips. So Canola grows well here, but because of a lack of market little research has been done with this crop in Alabama. There is now a market for Canola. USDA predicts there will be 385 million pounds of Canola imported into the U.S. in 1991.

At this point Canola production looks very promising. However, caution should be used anytime a new crop is grown, and Canola is new to all of us. Last year less than 100 acres of Canola were grown in Alabama and this year there are about 5000 acres. There are 30 acres planted on Mack's farm in Coffee County and to my knowledge that is all there is in the entire Wiregrass.

So far, no insects, diseases or pests, other than honey bees, have

affected Canola in Coffee County. However, as this crop advances so will the disease and pests. At least a three-year rotation is recommended. It is not known yet whether this will work into a peanut rotation. At this point we do not recommend it be planted directly behind or before planting as some diseases (sclerotinia) on peanuts may be increased by Canola. We just don't know yet.

Winter kill could be a problem if temperatures go below 10 degrees F. Harvest time in Coffee County should be in early to mid-May if planted on time. Canola harvesting likely will be a challenge for the first-time growers, as the seed are

Wiregrass CFC Now Accepting Applications

The 1991-92 Wiregrass Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) will accept applications for local eligibility from 29 March 1991 thru 29 April 1991. Applications can be sent to Wiregrass Area CFC, P.O. Box 405, Dothan, AL 36302-0405 or delivered to Carlos E. Lee, 408-A West Main St., Dothan, AL. The CFC Local Federal Coordinating Committee will hold an open meeting approximately two weeks following the deadline (April 29, 1991). For applications or information, contact Carlos E. Lee, (205) 792-9661.



Emily Bryan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Bryan, showed the Reserve Grand Champion Steer at the annual Coffee County Steer Show held March 2, 1991. Emily also won first place in showmanship in the junior division. Emily is in fourth grade at Zion Chapel Elementary School.

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Persons nominated should have an interest in a farm as an owner, tenant, or sharecropper within the county or area in which activities of the county or area committee are carried out. They must be citizens of the United States or aliens lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence, and be well qualified for committee work. Spouses of those persons who meet the eligibility criteria are also eligible for nomination for election to the county committee.

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PAUL AND STEPHENS SERVED A TOTAL OF 65 YEARS

The Eris Paul and Lewey Stephens Building dedicated

by Marvin McIlwain
Editor

Last Sunday afternoon, District Attorney Joel Folmar was beaming with pride as he presided over the dedication ceremonies of his or as he said, "the people of Coffee County's" new office building.

The new facility which is located behind the Enterprise Courthouse will, according to Folmar, allow the District Attorney's office to better serve the people of the county.

In naming the new facility the Eris F. Paul and Lewey Stephens, Jr. Building, two noted men-of-law in Coffee County and throughout the State of Alabama were honored.

Judge Eris F. Paul served the 12th Judicial Circuit as a judge for 24 years before retiring in 1976. He ran for the office unopposed each term after his initial election. Prior to being elected circuit judge, he had served as District Attorney for the 12th Judicial Circuit.

Paul also served as president of the Alabama Circuit Judges Association, was a member of the State Bar Commission, and he was selected as a member of the first Ethics Commission for the State of Alabama.

The judge also served on the University of Alabama's Board of Trustees from 1954 until 1975. A scholarship was established in his honor by the University of Alabama Law

School shortly before his death in 1989.

Judge Paul's philosophy was "our purpose in life is to help our neighbors."

Lewey Stephens, Jr. served the 12th Judicial Circuit as District Attorney for 18 years. After his retirement in 1978, he served as a super-numerary district attorney for the state during which he earned the affectionate title of "Super DA."

Stephens, as a prosecutor, tried more cases, in more courthouses, in the state of Alabama, than any other man in the history of the state.

He was also instrumental in the clean-up of crime infested Phenix City, Alabama in the 1950's.

Judge Paul and Mr. Stephens gave a combined total of 65 years of faithful service to the judiciary system of Coffee County and the State of Alabama.

Alabama's Attorney General Jimmy Evans was the keynote speaker for the dedication service. He referred to Judge Paul and Lewey Stephens as his friends.

"I'm sure as you walk from time to time by this building, walk through this door and you look upon that plaque and see Judge Paul's and Lewey Stephens' name," said Evans, "you'll have fond memories of your association and recall things that you didn't know you remembered."

"They were two men who I

looked to and who gave me help and guidance. Their lives were an inspiration to me in getting on the right track," said Evans.

Chairman of the Coffee County Commission, Bill Eagerton, read to those gathered the resolution which formally named the new DA's Office as The Eris F. Paul and Lewey Stephens, Jr. Building.

A copy of the resolution was presented to each of the families of Paul and Stephens. One copy will hang in the lobby of the new facility and portraits of each of the two men will hang in the library and conference room of the new building.

Accepting the resolution on the behalf of the Paul family was Jean Paul, wife of Paul; and Eris Bryan Paul, Paul's grandson. Mary Stephens, mother of Stephens; and Lewey Stephens III, Stephens' son accepted the resolution on behalf of the Stephens family.

The portraits were sketched by Ken Rigby of Dothan from pictures of Paul and Stephens furnished by each of the families.

Frames for the portraits were donated by Jay Porter of Enterprise "as a service to Coffee County."

Folmar noted his office had come a long way since first being located in the basement of Enterprise's city hall building.

Mr. John Flowers, the county's construction supervisor, and his

crew Ray Childs and Phil Rugg, were commended by Folmar for the professional and speedy manner in which the new facility was built. The

construction of the building took just over two months.

Folmar also stated that the construction of the new office building

had been a dream of Chief Investigator Bruce Devane and without his help, it would not have been possible.



RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED...Commission Chairman Eagerton and District Attorney Folmar presented the Paul and Stephens families with copies of the resolution officially naming the building in honor of Paul and Stephens. Pictured are (L-R): Lewey Stephens III, Mary Stephens, Folmar, Eagerton, Jean Paul, and Eris Bryan Paul.

ADAMS INQUIRES ABOUT TAX REVENUE

County government holds celebration

by Marvin McIlwain
Editor

The Coffee County Commission meeting Wednesday morning, April 10, started off with a celebration. In

observance of National County Government Week (April 7-13), the commission, before entering into its regular business session, allowed

different representatives of county government to briefly explain their duties to those guests gathered in the Enterprise Courthouse courtroom.

Commission Chairman Billy Eagerton gave an overview of the duties and responsibilities of the commission office making note of the fact that the county has gone to computer systems for all of its record keeping.

Eagerton named over the new buildings that have been or are presently under construction - health department building, DHR facility, 120-bed county jail, mental health building, highway department office and several new buildings at the Farm Center.

"We're trying to be very active and move Coffee County forward," said Eagerton. "We just have an outstanding county."

County Extension agent Dan Presley named over seventeen different county agencies that serve the citizens of Coffee County.

Probate Judge Marion Brunson briefly explained the duties of his office and especially recognized his chief clerk in the Elba office, Neil Harvison, who has 34 years of ser-

vice in the Probate Office.

Revenue Commissioner Ronnie Burns outlined to the group his duties in collecting the taxes from the citizens of the county and seeing that the figures were properly kept.

The program was concluded with a slide presentation by Coffee County Highway Engineer Mark Pool.

He showed how the county has purchased state surplus equipment, recouped it and is presently using it today.

"We have purchased more than 35 vehicles for less than \$35,000," said Pool. "If we had purchased this equipment new, it would have cost more than \$1 million."

Pool showed slides on the following: how road right-of-ways are being maintained using modern herbicides, new modern bridge construction on all roads, and how new maintenance and parts stocking techniques are saving the county thousands of dollars.

Chairman Eagerton, before inviting the guest to join the commission for refreshments, gave a special recognition to a group of local students who were present for the program.

After a brief interlude, the commission turned their attention to the agenda for the business portion of the meeting.

Dwight Adams, a member of the Taxpayers Defense Committee, was the first to appear before the commission. He inquired as to the amount of money that was collected when the 1/2¢ sales tax was imposed

for a brief period in 1989.

Chairman Eagerton told Adams that he did not know how much money was collected or how much interest it has acquired, but he said those figures were properly kept.

The tax was imposed for the purpose of funding the construction of a new jail, but was later ruled to be invalid on Jan. 4, 1990 by Covington County Circuit Court Judge William Baldwin. The judge's ruling was the results of a lawsuit being filed by the Taxpayers Defense Committee.

Probate Judge Marion Brunson came before the commission and once again the question of who would occupy the sheriff's offices in the Elba Courthouse once they were vacated. The offices will be moved to the new county jail complex in New Brockton once it is completed.

In their last meeting, the commissioners voted to allow Probation/Parole Officer Sara Smith to move her offices into the sheriff's offices once they are vacated.

Brunson stated that although he had not formally asked for the space, he said, he thought the space was already committed to his office. The sheriff's offices are on the second floor of the Elba Courthouse directly above the probate offices.

Commissioner Jim Duhose suggested that the possibility of the space being divided between the two offices, probate and probation/parole, be looked at before any plans are finalized.

On another note, Judge Brunson expressed his concern about the present and future condition of county records damaged by the March '90 flood. He stated that he had related to the state's U. S. Senators Heflin and Shelby of the need to microfilm the records and had asked that the Federal Emergency Management Agency fund the project. Brunson asked if the commissioner had received a response from EMA - they had not.

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The commission agreed with Commissioner Stephens' request subject to state approval. The new facility is presently under construction on land adjacent to the new Sid Averett Health Building at the intersection of Co. Rd.48 and Al. Hwy.



GRAND OPENING, RiCay Jewelers held a ribbon cutting ceremony Friday officially opening its doors for business in Elba. Present for the ceremony were: (Pictured left to right) Gerald Tucker, SouthTrust Bank, Sue Patterson, RiCay Jewelers; Joe Patterson, RiCay Jewelers; Casey Patterson, RiCay Jewelers; Pat Booth, Elba City Clerk; Daphne Patterson, RiCay Jewelers; Doris Matthews, The Peoples Bank; Stephanie Sasser, Little Miss Elba; Jack E. Brunson, President of Elba Chamber of Commerce; (Richard Patterson of RiCay Jewelers was not present for the picture taking). The new business is located on the southeast of the square in downtown Elba.

School board okays 7 class periods

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

Elba High School students will have seven class periods a day instead of the present six, after the Elba School Board approved the change last week. Speaking for the change, Principal Charles Clark and Superintendent Charles Pearce explained the change would expose students to more subjects, better preparing them for college or work.

This also includes a program called GAP, for Graduation Assistance Program. It will allow time to

help students identified as falling behind in a subject and help to prevent students from becoming a drop-out.

The School Board also accepted the recommendation of Pearce and amended the board policy to change the procedure on bidding of purchases of \$5,000 or more.

All purchases which are subject to the Alabama state bid law will be opened in the Superintendent's office and will require bid bonds.

The board also approved a school calendar for school year 1991-92. Eight student field trips were approved for the month of April.

Board members were told that tenured teachers had been given "Intent to Return" forms to sign if they intended to teach in Elba next year. Non-tenured teachers were given the usual non-renewal of contract letter.

Even though our local schools are in temporary facilities at this time, they will be celebrating this week in various ways. On Wednesday, April 24, 1991, teachers that have retired from the Elba system will be invited to come and enjoy refreshments in the principal's office at the elementary school and high school beginning at 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

Teachers and staff appreciation day will be Friday, April 26. On this

* FOR YOUR INFO *

SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY Saturday, April 20, 1991 has been designated by Gov. Guy Hunt as State-wide Clean-up Day. Everyone is being asked to cooperate in this event sponsored by PALS (People Against A Littered State). All adopt-a-mile participants along the state's highways are asked to clean-up their area. It's clean-up day in Elba too. Trash bags will be made available by the city and can be picked-up at the old high school building downtown beginning at 8 a.m.

COUNCIL MEETING The New Brockton City Council will be meeting, Monday, April 22, 1991 in the council chamber in city hall. The meeting begins at 7 p.m.

"DON'T DROP IT ON ELBA"

GOVERNOR SIGNS PROCLAMATION

Public School Week is proclaimed

Governor Guy Hunt has proclaimed April 22-26, 1991, as "Public School Week" in Alabama. The State Board of Education has endorsed the week by official resolution and local schools are making efforts to recognize its teachers, administration, students and staff during this commemorative week.

Elba Mayor Fred Moore (seated, center) is pictured with Mrs. Dixie Dorney (seated-left), President of Elba Education Association; Mrs. Sara Sharpless (seated-right), Principal of Elba Elementary School; Mr. Charles Pearce (standing-left), Superintendent of Education; and Mr. Charles Clark (standing-right), Principal of Elba High School. He endorses the Governor's proclamation and declares April 22-26 "Public School Week" in Elba.

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day an extended break period will be given to all staff members to meet together for refreshments and words of appreciation from the administration. The Chamber of Commerce sign at the east end of Pear River Bridge will be encouraging the public to observe this week as "Public School Week."

Public education has been the very fiber of social fabric for two centuries. Any successes America can claim must be attributable in part to Public Education. You are asked to join Gov. Hunt and the State Board of Education in paying tribute to Public Education in the State of Alabama.

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